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SUBJ: JAPANESE LAUNCH VEHICLE TRACKING ON KWAJALEIN

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FROM AMBASSADOR WILLIAMS ON SAIPAN

1. (C) REFTEL RECEIVED HERE DEC 13 AS UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE OPENS POSSIBLE SERIOUS PROBLEMS CONCERNED WITH MY CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS REGARDING FUTURE POLITICAL STATUS OF MICRONESIA. HIGH COMMISSIONER AND I ARE DISMAYED AT DECISION TAKEN WITHOUT PRIOR NOTIFICATION THUS PRECLUDING MINIMUM COURTESY ADVANCE INFORMATION TO MICRONESIANS. INFLUEN

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TROUBLED.

2. (C) IN COURSE OF STATUS NEGOTIATIONS OVER PAST TWO AND HALF YEARS, WE HAVE BEEN ASSURING MICRONESIANS, IN LINE WITH MY INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT, THAT UNDER FUTURE STATUS TOWARD WHICH WE ARE WORKING (FREE ASSOCIATION FOR FIVE DISTRICTS AND COMMONWEALTH FOR MARIANAS), U.S. RESPONSIBILITY IN FIELD OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WOULD INCLUDE CONSULTATION WITH MICRONESIANS IN ADVANCE REGARDING ANY INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT CONCERNING THEM. IN ORDER TO PROMOTE ACCEPTANCE SUCH STATUS ARRANGEMENTS WE FEEL IT INCUMBENT UPON U.S. TO OBSERVE SUCH INTENDED COMMITMENT AND TO DEMONSTRATE ITS ABILITY, WILLINGNESS AND INTENTION TO CARE FOR LEGITIMATE MICRONESIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS INTERESTS.

3. (C) AS REPORTING FROM SAIPAN HAS INDICATED, ONE OF THE IMPEDIMENTS TO ACCEPTANCE OUR POSITION IS WIDELY-HELD FEELING AMONG MICRONESIANS THAT WAR CLAIMS AGREEMENT WAS NEGOTIATED WITHOUT CONSULTATION AS TO EXTENT, NATURE OR METHOD OF PAYMENT OF THEIR CLAIMS. THIS COMPLAINT WAS MADE REPEATEDLY TO U.N. VISITING MISSION AND HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP IN SEVERAL INSTANCES DURING COURSE OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH JOINT COMMITTEE ON FUTURE STATUS. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE FURTHER DAMAGING TO OUR NEGOTIATIONS AND WOULD IN FACT IMPUGN GOOD FAITH OF U.S. TO SEE PROMULGATED AN AGREEMENT SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED REFTEL (OF WHICH NEITHER HIGHCOMMISSIONER OR I HAD PREVIOUS KNOWLEDGE) WITH LEADTIME OF LESS THAN A WEEK TO ATTEMPT EXPLAIN TO PEOPLE LIVING ON ATOLLS 1500 MILES AWAY A PROJECT WHICH WOULD REPRESENT AN APPARENTLY MAJOR USG DECISION TO MCITY ON THEIR ISLANDS FROM WHICH THEY THEMSELVES ARE BARRED. ADVANCE CONSULTATION IS ESSENTIAL.

4. (C) RECENT EXPERIENCES CONCERNED WITH RETURN OF BIKINI AND ENIWETOK FURNISH CLEAR EVIDENCE OF HIGHLY EXPLOITABLE ISSUE CONCERNED WITH U.S. MILITARY USE OF MARSHALLESE ATOLLS. WHILE PROSPECTIVE JAPANESE USE IS DEFINED AS "PURELY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES" (AND I DO NOT QUESTION SUCH INTENT), THE FACT OF OUR GRANTING FACILITY WITHOUT ANY PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITY FOR EVEN CURSORY CONSULTATION OR EXPLANATION TO PEOPLE TO WHOM THESE ATOLLS BELONG SEEMS TO ME ALMOST MADE TO ORDER, A MONTH BEFORE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA CONVENES, FOR TYPE OF HOSTILE PROPAGANDA COMSPICUOUS IN HALLS OF CONGRESS AND COLUMNS OF PRESS, WHICH HAS DONE US NO GOOD IN WORKING OUT TENUOUS AND COMPLEX MATTER OF OUR FUTURE RELATIONS WITH THIS STRATEGIC AREA.

5. (C) I STRONGLY URGE RECONSIDERATION OF AGREEMENT, OR AT LEAST, IF PROJECT IS TOO FAR DOWN THE ROAD, A DELAY IN ANNOUNCING IT IN ORDER PROVIDE ADEQUATE OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEFING MARSHALLESE AND OTHERS IN-CONFIDENTIAL

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TIMATELY INVOLVED.

6. (C) REQUEST SUBSEQUENT COMMUNICATIONS TO SAIPAN ON THIS SUBJECT BE SENT BY ESTABLISHED CLASSIFIED CHANNEL (CINCPACREP GUAM/TTPI FOR STATUS LNO).

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